IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

TAMEKIA BUSH,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Case No. 21-CV-1392-SMY
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,)))
Defendant.)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Before the Court is the Plaintiff's Application for Award of Attorney Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. §2412(d)(1)(A) (Doc. 20). Defendant does not object (Doc. 22).

The Court finds that Plaintiff is the prevailing party and is entitled to an award of attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. §2412(d)(1)(A). The Court further finds that the amount requested is reasonable and appropriate.

Accordingly, Plaintiff's Application for Award of Attorney Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (Doc. 20) is **GRANTED**. The Court awards Plaintiff \$2,485.80 for attorney's fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act. These funds shall be payable to Plaintiff in accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010); *Harrington v. Berryhill*, 906 F.3d 561 (7th Cir. 2018).

This award shall fully and completely satisfy any and all claims for fees that may have been payable to Plaintiff in this matter under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. Any part of the award that is not subject to set-off to pay Plaintiff's pre-existing debt to the United States shall be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to any EAJA assignment previously executed by Plaintiff and counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: October 6, 2022

STACI M. YANDLE United States District Judge

Stari H. Garollo